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Editor's Mailbox

April 14, 1970

Dear Mr. Editor:

On behalf of the Appomattox Junior FFA Chapter members, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the fine people of our community for helping members of our chapter the past two week ends. Not only did these individuals help us raise money for our chapter treasury but they gave us the chance to put skills terned in the classroom to use.

I would also like to thank the newspaper for all the publicity which it has given our chapter in this project and acknowledge the big part it played in our success.

Although most of our jobs consisted of painting and lawn work, the work experience we gained will be invaluable in later life.

Thank you,
Mike Gallier, Pres.
Appo Jr. FFA Chapter

April 9, 1970

Appomattox County
School Board
Appomattox, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I find your action against Gordon Bragg, in not renewing his football coaching contract, an injustice to a man who has done so much for the youth of Appomattox. He has devoted 22 years of his life to the betterment of a strong athletic program. But by far, the greatest contribution he has made to us is the building of good sound character among our young people. I have been associated with Mr. Bragg for a number of years, both as a student and friend. I started under his tutelage at the age of ten and continued through high school. He has been a great inspiration in my life and I have nothing but respect and admiration for this man. I played four years of football, basketball and baseball for Coach Bragg. He has had great influence in my life. He taught me leadership, sportsmanship and a keen sence of competition. This man ask for and got the respect of all who he played for him. I know of numerous incidents of students who would never have had an education were it not for Mr. Bragg. He has been instrumental in building a strong school spirit, which is surpassed by no other school in the state. We would be giving testimonials ahead of destroying a person who has done so much for our school.

I plead that you reconsider your action and rehire Coach Bragg for the coming school year.

Best regards,
Jerry George

April 9, 1970

To Whom It May Concern:

At the request of reference to Coach Gordon Bragg's character and as a man of general, please present this letter to the School Board in my behalf.

Coach Bragg has given me a tremendous amount of guidance and knowledge just the short time I have known him, or played under him (20 years).

I feel that it is a disgrace to Appomattox County for him to be relieved of his duties of helping other young men be stronger individuals.

My only regret is that I could not be there today to stand up for a great gentleman, Coach Gordon Bragg.

Sincerely yours,
William A. Burke
Blackstone, Va.

April 8, 1970

To Whom It May Concern:

I participated in football and baseball for Mr. Gordon Bragg during the years of 1948-52. I have also played for the Center Pro Baseball in the Skyline League with Gordon Bragg before he was appointed as Head Football Coach of Appomattox High School.

As long as I have known Coach Bragg, he has worked with all students, including his players, to the fullest of his ability. Because of his individual help, he has attributed to many young boys the desire to remain in school and to graduate from Appomattox High School.

I have been associated with Gordon Bragg since I graduated, and have attended quite a number of athletic functions and supported the school in various ways to give the students better facilities which comes about through the Athletic Program.

I have also been associated with Gordon Bragg through the years as a friend, I have never noticed any action that would be detrimental to his students, family, friends or the school board.

If you should need any other information, please contact me immediately.

Sincerely,
Ed Cawthorne

NOTE: A large number of letters have been received in support of Gordon Bragg. These 3 are appearing this week and interested citizens hope the Times-Virginian will be able to print others in the next edition of this newspaper.

Be Patient-Census Taker Is Coming

Barbara R. Aldridge, District Manager, reports that the 1970 Census of Population and Housing is nearing completion in the area, that in about another week the census takers should have visited every residence on their lists.

Census takers began visiting households on April 1 and have been working continously to cover their territories. The District Manager asks that householders hold their questionnaires, which were delivered prior to April 1, and have them filled out, ready for the census taker to pick up. This will save time for both the householder and the census taker and speed up the completion of the census.

For every fifth household, the census taker will have a longer questionnaire which she will fill out by interviewing a member of the household. The District Manager asks householders to welcome these census takers when they call and to give them full cooperation in getting the required census information.

Most of the census takers are women. Each wears a red, white and blue identification badge which is her official credential. It bears her signature and certifies that she is authorized to perform the duties of a Census Enumerator, and has sworn to keep confidential all census information given her.

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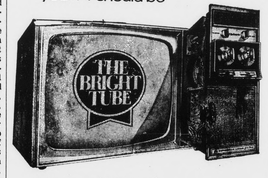

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The Pastor Speaks

"AND THEY LAUGHED HIM TO SCORN" -- MARK 5:40

People have always laughed when they did not believe, or they did not understand something. They are not any different today.

About 3000 B.C., somebody invented the "wheel", and since there were no roads, everybody laughed. In 1807 the first "steamboat" in America made a trip from New York City to Albany in 32 hours; people laughed, for a boy could have beat this time in a rowboat. The year 1879 brought the "electric light bulb" even though they had to light a gas light to see it burn in a dark room; people laughed. The next was the "telephone", 1875. It was said that you talked into a box of wires and a hollow wire; they laughed. In 1877 the "automobile" sputtered down the road with the horse and buggy passing it up like it was standing still; they laughed. A great flight in an airplane was made in 1903. It soared into the blue for exactly 59 seconds; people laughed.

No doubt the people of Jericho laughed as the children of Israel marched around the city. They probably thought they were crazy. But the wall of the city did fall down flat. (Joshua 6) Probably people laughed when Elijah poured water upon the wood and the sacrifice, and then asked God for fire. But fire did come, so did revival for the Israelites. Also rain came. (I Kings 18)

They "laughed Christ to scorn" at the resurrection of Jairus' daughter (Mark 5:40). But He did raise her up. Peter said that "scoffers" (mockers with laughter) will say in the last days, "where is the promise of His coming?" (II Peter 3:3-4). But as sure as some laugh, then just as sure, He is coming again.

Some may laugh at you if you live a separated Christian life. They may think you old fashioned, call you a fanatic and shun your presence. But you can rest assured that His presence will be with you, that His power will be upon you, and above all, His peace will be with you and in your heart. So, let the world laugh, if it wishes -- Christ is real.

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

A.T. & T. Seminars

An innovative approach to help the world's most numerous family of stockholders will be utilized by Wheat & Co. in a special group of seminars during April.

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ALL ONE?

Lesson for April 19, 1970

Background Scripture: Galatians 3

Devotional Reading: Psalms 67

I'd like to tell you a story about a man named Ivan.

Ivan was a citizen of the Soviet Union. He was much like any other citizen of the USSR, with one notable exception: he was also a Christian, a practicing member of the Christian Church. This was a commitment that made his life a hardship.

Because he was a Christian, Ivan had a very limited future in the little Ukranian town in which he lived. He wasn't abused physically in any way for his Christianity, but his opportunities in the Soviet society were strictly limited. One opportunity that was not closed to him, however, was the armed forces and so he enlisted. So fine was his record in the army, so great was the initiative and talent he demonstrated, that he eventually became an officer.

Stacked Against Him

When he had been mustered out of the army, he set his heart and mind on going to the university to study for the profession of law. Christians were not forbidden to enter the university, but, as the saying goes, "the deck was stacked against him." On the day of his registration, the school authorities caused him to be arrested on a minor, trumped-up charge and he was put in prison.

After months of prison in his home town, he was transferred to what we would call a state penitentiary, one of the most brutal prisons in the country. There, Ivan, a brilliant young student, the kind of self-enterprising youth any nation should be anxious to claim, was brutally beaten and died.

This tragic story, as I have told it to you, is true in every detail but these: his name was not Ivan, but Clyde Kinard; the scene of the story was not the Soviet Union, but the United States; the prison was not in the Ukraine, but in Mississippi; and his offence was not that he was a Christian in a Communist land, but a black man in a white man's society.

I tell this story to you, not because it is an unusual story, for it is not; there are many other true stories equally tragic. I tell it simply because I know that I need to be reminded, lest in my comfortable complacency I find it difficult to understand why some people in this nation are so angry, so bitter. And if I need to be reminded, so, I'm sure, do you.

Coming Apart

There is probably no time in the history of this nation when we have been so deeply divided as a people, when the fabric of our society was so deeply in danger of coming apart at the seams. Never have so many people been so frightened or spoken so rashly or asked with more urgency: "What is going on in our nation?" The Report of the United States Riot Commission has given one answer: "This is our basic conclusion: Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white – separate and unequal."

There are also other divisions. There are the divisions between the poor and the affluent, the have's and the have not's. There is the division that exists between generations, the young and the old. These divisions are so deep, so complex, so bitter, so dangerous. The times demand a ministry of reconciliation so that men may recognize, as Paul puts it in Galatians 3, that we are "all one in Christ Jesus."

There are passages in Paul's letters where he speaks of the different ministries in the church: some men are called to be preachers, others teachers, etc. But he says nothing about some being given the ministry of reconciliation. The reason: all are to be reconcilers. He gives all of us this "ministry of reconciliation."

The job of bringing us together, of healing the wounds of this society, is something that rests upon all of us. We are "all one in Christ Jesus," and we must both recognize and make it evident to our divided world.

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PAMPLIN

We are having clean-up week in our town this week. Please everyone put their rubbish and trash out and it will be picked up. Also on the 20th, the town is asking any one who will help come to the dump they want to burn all trash that will burn.

Mrs. W. M. Black and Miss Mary Reeves Black visited Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dale in Buena Vista for the week end.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Houpe of Tupelo, Miss.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Houpe of Baltimore, Md.; and Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dunevant of Farmville, Va.

Mr. E. N. Cunningham visited the Rev. W. M. Clark, Jr. in Buena Vista for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Inge visited their son, Malcolm Inge of V.P.I. Sunday

Mrs. T. E. Caldwell and Mrs. Hal F. Clark visited their brother and family, Mr. W. B. Williams of Richmond last week.

Mrs. Lizzie Richardson, who is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital is expected to come home Monday.

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